



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 23, 2003.

Karen L. Ruthig
Karen L. Ruthig, Reg. No. 54,415

#8
1-6-04

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Inventor: Leinsing et al.

Application No. 09/998,383

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: NEEDLE FREE MEDICAL
CONNECTOR WITH EXPANDED
VALVE MECHANISM AND
METHOD OF FLUID FLOW CONTROL

Examiner: E. Keasel

Group Art Unit: 3754

Docket No. 56075

Date: December 23, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

JAN 02 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003. Please reconsider the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.